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New charges filed against stolen brains suspect David Charles

Charles now charged for two separate burglaries at the Indiana Medical History Museum

(Indianapolis, Ind.) – Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced today new charges against David Charles, a previously charged defendant in the December 15 break-in at the Indiana Medical History Museum. Charles now faces two additional counts of Burglary (Class C Felony) and one additional count of Theft (Class D Felony) for two separate incidents that occurred at the museum located on the city's near Westside. Charles is accused of breaking into the museum on multiple occasions to steal jars of human brain tissue and other human tissues.

According to the probable cause affidavit filed in the case, a Crime Scene Specialist with the Indianapolis-Marion County Forensic Services Agency recovered multiple pieces of evidence from the crime scene, in particular a white piece of paper that contained a fingerprint in blood. The IMPD Latent Print division was able to determine the bloody fingerprint on the piece of paper found at the scene was consistent with the left pinkie finger of David Charles.

Additionally, stolen items sold on eBay were recovered when the purchaser of the items became suspicious when online reports of similar items were determined stolen from the Indiana Medical History Museum.

Charles was arrested on December 16, 2013 for the initial incident.

An initial hearing on the new case is scheduled for Monday, April 7, at 9:00 a.m. in Court 2.

A charge of a crime is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.